

U.S. Halts Bomb Raids

Reports Vary On Number Of Planes Lost

SAIGON (AP) — The heaviest air attack on North Vietnam in more than three years ended today after more than 1,000 combat strikes in five days, the U.S. Command announced.

Three U.S. planes were lost, five others listed as missing and

one was rescued, the command said. North Vietnam claimed 14 U.S. planes were shot down and a number of pilots killed or captured.

The U.S. Command said one Air Force F4 Phantom was lost Sunday and its two crewmen

are listed as missing. It said two Navy planes from carriers in the Tonkin gulf, an F4 and an A6, went down today, and only one crewman of the A6 was rescued.

An earlier announcement today said only one plane was downed during the five days of raids. A spokesman said announcement of the other two losses was delayed until the search for their crews was completed.

The U.S. armada of some 350 planes and other aircraft attacked MIG Air Bases, surface-to-air missile sites, anti-aircraft artillery batteries, air defense radar sites and fuel and supply depots between the demilitarized zone and the 20th parallel of latitude. The northernmost attacks were about 80 miles south of Hanoi.

Hundreds of other missions were flown by support aircraft including fighters escorting the bombers to protect them against MIG interceptors, electronic planes to jam the enemy radar, command and control aircraft, reconnaissance planes and rescue helicopters.

It was the biggest attack on North Vietnam and the deepest penetration since the bombing halt on Nov. 1, 1968.

"The strikes were terminated at 3:36 p.m. today," the U.S.



AIRMEN SHOT DOWN IN NORTH VIETNAM: These photos of American Air Force men were supplied by Nippon Deupa News, a Japanese news agency, with caption stating that they are standing before the press in Hanoi Dec. 20 after being shot down and taken prisoner in North Vietnam Dec. 18. Identifications follow, with

name and rank, age, serial number: (left to right Maj. Leland Hilderbrand, 33, number 391-360-024; Lt. Samuel Vaughn, 26, 249-727-237; Lt. Kenneth Wells, 24, 535-489-694; Maj. Kenneth Johnson, 33, 470-406-482. (AP Wirephoto)

Black Pioneer Is Dead

Oscar Mitchell In Business Many Years



OSCAR M. MITCHELL

as a trustee of Benton township, the first black member of that board. He served for 10 years in the 1950's and 1960's until voluntarily retiring. During his tenure, he was instrumental in bringing about the construction of Blossom

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

Oscar M. Mitchell, who paved the way for blacks to enter business in the Twin Cities area, died at 3:55 a.m. today in Mercy hospital, where he had been a patient since April 7. He was 73.

In 1944, Mr. Mitchell became the first Negro citizen of this area to be licensed as a real estate salesman by the State of Michigan.

From that year until his retirement in the early 1960's, he was widely known as a salesman with the Downey real estate firm of Benton Harbor.

Even before entering the real estate business, he had established another business "first." In 1928, he became the first black salesman for the local gas company. Before switching to the real estate business, he was selected as one of the gas company's 12 top salesmen throughout the firm's Michigan territory.

His success and reputation in business led to his election

'Robin Hood' Reward Now Stands At \$200

The Berrien Humane Society has put up a \$100 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of the person who shot an arrow into the back of a Poodle Christmas day.

Bill Stewart of Water-

vliet, a Humane Society board member, announced the reward on behalf of the society.

Rewards now total \$200. Mr. and Mrs. James Dilts, 2012 Taylor street, Benton Heights, previously offered

\$100. Their Poodle, Dusty, is recovering from the arrow wound in the back.

Benton township police said the offense is cruelty to animal if determined the dog was shot deliberately.

Dispute Over Halftime Show

U-M Band Takes Spotlight

LOS ANGELES — The University of Michigan band is stealing the spotlight from its undefeated Wolverine football team in a flap over the halftime program at the Rose Bowl that has been taken to court.

The Michigan band director also is upset over an incident in which he said members of the Stanford band stoned and

spat on the Michigan band. Stanford band leaders deny it. A suit was filed in Superior court on behalf of the Michigan student government council seeking an injunction to keep university officials from interfering with an antiwar demonstration during the Michigan part of halftime ceremonies New Year's Day.

The suit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The planned demonstration would be similar to one presented at the homecoming game at Ann Arbor this fall with the theme, "Bring All the Troops Home Now."

The performance then consisted of the band playing "Taps" while the audience stood in silence and Vietnam veterans released black balloons symbolizing Asian and American war dead.

A. L. Wirin, counsel for the ACLU, said subpoenas were

being issued for University President Robben Fleming and other officials to appear at a hearing that may be held Friday morning.

The suit charged Fleming with censorship and violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution guaranteeing free speech.

The stone throwing issue on the University of California campus at Los Angeles, where both bands are housed, brought conflicting interpretations.

"We were marching from our headquarters to the hall where we were to drill," said Michigan Band Director George Cavender. "The Stanford band heard us and came running out. . . . screaming obscenities and making obscene gestures."

Cavender said "60 to 70" Stanford band members, many partially in uniform and all having come out of the Stanford residence hall, followed the Michigan 215-man band for

six blocks. Some spat upon his band members, the band leader said.

Bass drummer John Stauffer, 19, a sophomore from Niles, was hit in the face with a stone, Cavender said.

Stanford Band Manager David Ruiz has denied there was any spitting, stone-throwing or obscenities.

"Many of the Stanford bandmen fell in to march behind the Michigan contingent, executing a good-natured parody of the Michigan marching style," Ruiz said in a news release.

"There was no animosity or physical contact between the bands, and there was no spitting or rock throwing."

Announcement of the court action against Michigan officials was made during a news conference attended by Joel Silverstein, a member of the Michigan Student Government council, and Doug McHenry, president of the Stanford student body. McHenry said the

Stanford student government supports the antiwar demonstration by Michigan and hoped it might be expanded to include a "Free Angela Davis" protest.

According to Silverstein, Fleming has ordered Cavender that Michigan was to put on its regular musical and marching show at halftime. Tournament of Roses officials have indicated they would not try to prevent such a demonstration, Silverstein said, although a member of the Rose Bowl management committee said the committee has traditionally taken the position that the occasion should not be used for any expression of political opinion and that view still stood.

McHenry was asked why the Stanford band wouldn't put on a similar demonstration at halftime.

"Oh, our band is completely disorganized," he said. "They look like a bunch of beer drinkers in straw hats."

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LMC Basketball Player Facing Burglary Charge

Robert D. Demler, 18, of 1686 North Teakwood, Stevensville, demanded examination when arraigned Wednesday in Berrien Fifth District court on a charge of breaking and entering.

Demler was released on bond of \$300 then started at forward last night for Lake Michigan college as LMC defeated Davenport college

in a basketball tournament at Dowagiac.

Demler was arrested Tuesday by state police of the Benton Harbor post on a warrant alleging breaking and entering at the residence of Bill Williams, 1334 Castle court, St. Joseph, where several containers of coins with face value of \$700 to \$1,000 were reported

stolen. The burglary was reported Dec. 6 after the Williams family returned from a trip.

Demler was bounced last season from the Lakeshore high school basketball team for disciplinary reasons. He then turned up at Eau Claire high school where he starred for more than half the season.

Conservative High Court Ex-Justice Harlan Dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Marshall Harlan, a Supreme Court justice who repeatedly opposed use of the legal system as the machinery for social reform, is dead of cancer at age 72.

His death in a Washington hospital Wednesday prompted President Nixon to call Harlan "one of the 20th century's giants on the Supreme Court."

Harlan retired Sept. 23 after 18 years on the court. More than a month earlier, he had been

hospitalized for what was first described as a backache then later acknowledged to be bone cancer.

William H. Rehnquist, a former assistant attorney general and a strong conservative also, will replace Harlan on the high court Jan. 7.

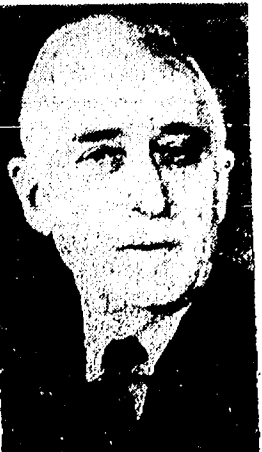
At Harlan's bedside when he died in George Washington University Hospital were Justice Potter Stewart; Harlan's daughter, Mrs. E.H. Dillingham of New York City; and three

sisters. His widow, Ethel Andrews Harlan, whom he married in November 1928, also survives.

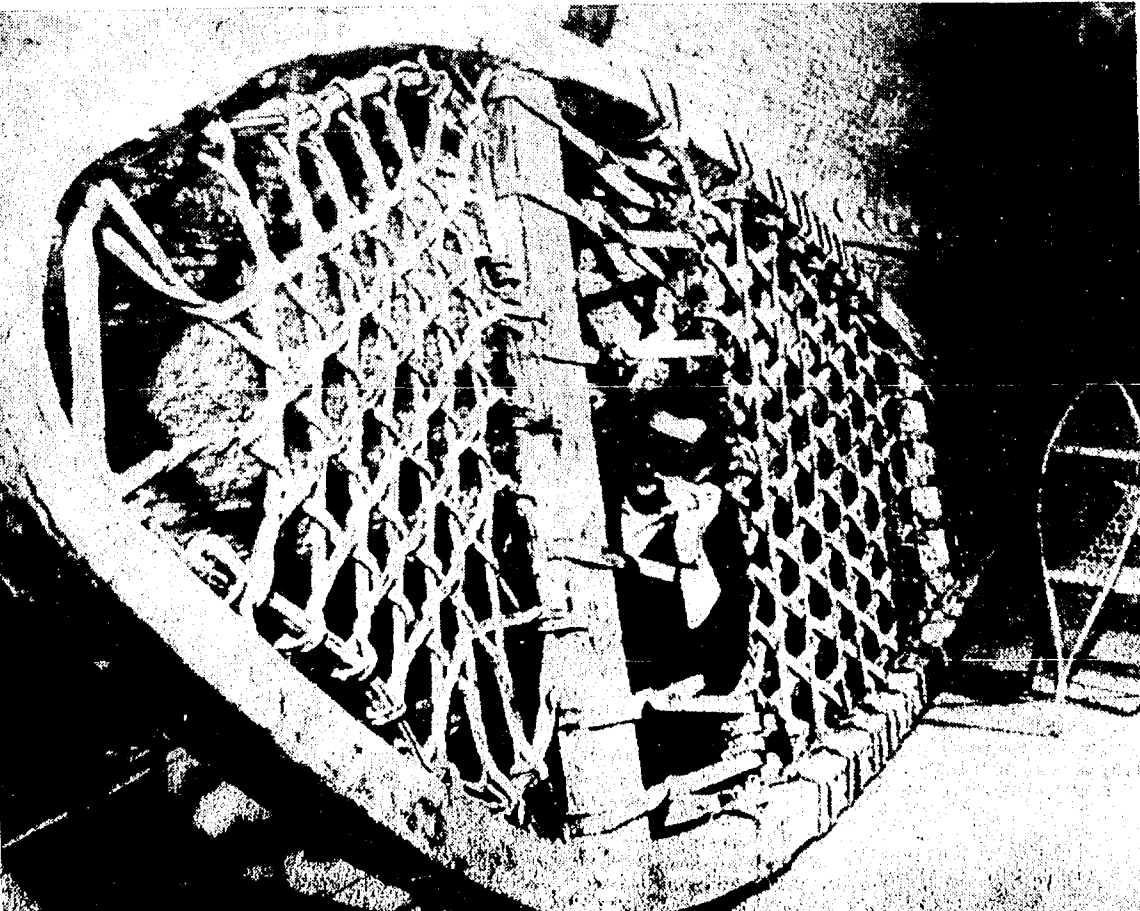
Later, Stewart said of his former colleague: "Mr. Justice Harlan was more than just a scholarly judge. He was a human being of great worth."

"For us here at the court he was more than a learned colleague. He was a beloved brother and a noble friend."

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



JOHN MARSHALL HARLAN



WELDING A SNOWSHOE: The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is known for its deep snow, and snowshoes are a common mode of transportation. But a 26 foot pair? Jack Anderson, a metal sculpturer, is sculpting the pair for his 35 foot Bishop Baraga statue to be erected this

spring near L'Anse, Mich. A normal snowshoe stands at the right as a pattern for the 600 pound replica of brass and bronze, which is leaning against the wall. (AP Wirephoto)

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Lindsay Shopping
For A New Home

Speaking in a downtown Miami hotel ballroom Tuesday, John V. Lindsay informed a crowd of several hundred persons and invited news media people he is available for the Presidency next year.

Excluding the reporters, the audience was heavily populated by the distaff side, middle aged housewives and scores of young girls.

Noticeably absent was anyone, male or female, enjoying any rank in the Democratic organization.

Lindsay said he chose Miami as the announcement forum rather than Gotham's city hall because of the Democratic preference primary in Florida to be held on March 14th.

It is essential, he admitted, that he either win or score impressively in that contest if his campaign for the '72 nomination is to be successful. It is too late for him to enter New Hampshire's February primary, the first among those states which either choose or commit delegations to a nominating convention.

His speech hints he will pitch his drive on an intellectualized power to the people program.

The Nixon Administration, he described, as a closed conference for the domestically rich and powerful and a bankrupt foreign entourage from discredited regimes.

The other Democratic hopefuls, he added, are tinged by tattle tale grey. Honorable men but still are in office at Washington, noted Lindsay.

The solution, therefore, is clear; the fresh approach, namely, himself.

Tuesday's announcement surprised no one.

It had been expected ever since Lindsay publicly read himself out of the Republican party and becoming a Democrat four months ago.

The one element of surprise, if any, came from outsiders who in scanning the opinion polls on the Democratic hopefuls thought that his low rating might prompt Lindsay not to take a fixed position at this time.

It is characteristic of anyone switching political allegiance to explain his action as seeing the light, of discarding that which is false for the truth across the fence.

It is just as rational for others to inquire what's the angle?

Lindsay's angle has been apparent for some time.

He has no other place to go.

After ten years of representing a GOP Congressional district outside New York City, Lindsay jumped on a deep factional split among the NYC Democrats.

Running on the Republican label but deriving his main strength from an independent element fed up with the regular Democratic machine, Lindsay

became the town's second Republican mayor six years ago.

His party hailed the achievement as laying the foundation for ousting the Democrats long standing power base in the major cities.

He quickly discovered what was far from a well concealed fact. City hall was bankrupt.

As a Republican, Lindsay obtained little more than lip service in his appeal for federal aid from a Democratic administration at Washington. From upriver at the state capital in Albany, Governor Rockefeller, sensing Lindsay's ambitions might not always be content in city hall, replied in effect that God helps them who help themselves.

Beyond this money crisis, Lindsay bumped into other thickets, union featherbedding in the service trades, police distrust of his lenient attitude on law enforcement being the stickiest ones.

Two years ago, through Rockefeller's maneuvering, he lost the GOP primary for renomination. He recovered from it in good style, however. Again relying upon the continued split in the Democratic ranks, he easily won re-election on an independent ticket.

The city's problems, nonetheless, continue to grow and unquestionably it is this dubious prosperity which prompted Lindsay last fall to lay the groundwork for his retirement from city hall.

Political apostasy, while not a great sin in the eyes of most voters who do not polish up a party label today, is an uncertain venture.

All of the Democratic hopefuls said they welcomed the newcomer but cautioned that before one can expect to ride the donkey he first must carry some hay to him.

Whatever his fortunes may be in the primaries, Lindsay will face those knives long before the national convention is called to order.

At the very least he will have to explain why it was he nominated Agnew in 1968.

Unquestionably he presents an excellent front on the campaign trail. He's the handsomest of all the candidates, Republican or Democratic, and his speeches are better than most of them mouth.

Whether these assets can gloss over his failure in running the New York show remains to be seen.

For once we find ourselves agreeing with George Meany, the AFL-CIO's crusty boss.

In a recent interview, George said if Lindsay were the Democratic choice, he would have to vote for Nixon much as he dislikes Richard M.

Lindsay, said George, has wrecked New York; "I wouldn't want to give him a greater opportunity."

Rainy Day And Jobs, Too

The following information is for those Americans, all 17 of them, who are socking money away in the bank like crazy and feeling guilty about it.

Despite what you may have heard, the money you put in a savings account does as much for the economy as money spent directly for consumer goods and services, says the United States Savings and Loan League. It "works" just as hard in creating jobs and new business enterprises, while having the additional advantages of building you own future purchasing power as it contributes to your financial stability and independence.

Deposits in savings and loan associations, for instance, go to finance a wide range of loans for housing purposes.

Money saved at mutual savings banks is used to finance housing and

real estate developments and to buy corporate bonds.

Money saved at commercial banks goes for a wide range of purposes, including the financing of businesses, commercial enterprises and to buy municipal bonds, whose proceeds pay for job-creating government projects.

Money placed in credit unions is earmarked for consumer loans to purchase all kinds of goods and services.

Now you can smile all the way to the bank.

Mountain Building

Mountains of unwanted trash continue to pile up in other places, but Virginia Beach, Va., has nearly completed its mountain of trash. A real mountain, complete with grass and trees.

Mount Trashmore, is 68 feet high and contains 600,000 tons of solid waste. Within a year it will be made into a natural amphitheater in a project partly financed by Washington. The idea is to find something better to do with solid waste than bury it.

The technique, which involved compacting the trash and spreading it between alternating layers of dirt, has been studied by environmentalists elsewhere.

If the Virginia project continues to be as successful as it has been thus far, and the cost is not prohibitive, mountains might suddenly begin to appear in some of the unluckiest places.

Calling For A Helping Hand



GLANCING BACKWARDS

ALI, FRAZIER SIGN
FOR DREAM FIGHT

1 year ago
It will be champion Joe Frazier against Mohammad Ali for guarantees of \$2.5 million each and the world heavyweight title in a fight that could bring a world-wide gross of \$30 million.
The dream fight and the dreamlike financial figures — both definite and possible — were announced by Madison Square Gardens Boxing, Inc., and Chartwell Artists.

NEAR ZERO
AGAIN TONIGHT

10 years ago
The St. Joseph river harbor froze for the first time this season, and traffic was slowed almost to a snail's pace today as southwestern Michigan was socked by a cold blast from the Arctic.
Temperatures plummeted to below zero, and six to 12 inches of snow covered the

area. After rising to around 20 today, the mercury is expected to dip to near-zero again tonight.

U. S. TRIES TO
EVACUATE 300

30 years ago
An attempt to evacuate 300 seriously wounded Americans from Luzon island apparently foreshadowed the last stages of the 25-day-old battle of Manila today as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's armies fell back under the assault of overwhelming Japanese infantry, tanks and dive bombers.

A dome dispatch from Shanghai broadcast by the official Tokyo radio, asserted that Japan's invasion forces were only 20 miles from Manila, striking northwest from Lamon bay.

BUSINESS BETTER

40 years ago
Business has already started picking up for 1932. Officials

of the Reliance Elevator company have been awarded an elevator contract that will run in excess of \$3,000,000. All of the elevators, which will be constructed for the terminal in Boston, will be made here.

BACK TO WORK

50 Years Ago
Miss Loretta White has returned to Lake City, where she teaches in the public schools, after spending her Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth White, of Pearl street.

HOSTESS

60 Years Ago
Miss Anna Schlutt will be hostess at a watch party in her home on Church street.

CLUB TO MEET

80 Years Ago
The Crescent Society will hold a meeting at the high school.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

TAX AMENDMENT PLAN
CALLED 'BIGGEST DECEIT'

Editor:
The Herald-Press.
As we remember, when the sales tax was established it was to remove the state from collecting property taxes which were to be left for local government. When the state income tax was imposed it was supposed to alleviate property taxes and personal property taxes were removed. To get increased income tax the governor dangled property tax relief as bait. He is now asking for an unlimited graduated income tax before any property tax relief is granted.

This writer considers the proposed tax amendment, being sponsored by the governor, as being the biggest tax deceit and grab in Michigan history. Careful reading of the proposed amendment shows it would (1) restore personal property to the tax roll (2) allow millage much above the 26 mills talked of as a limitation (3) leave no millage limitation at all where bonding is involved, and (4) would put the state back into the property taxing business besides granting unlimited graduated income tax powers.

The proposed 26 mills the state could impose on all business property, we believe, could also be imposed on household goods and farm machinery. We think the business property tax could and would drive much industry from Michigan, causing much more unemployment. Since a state appointed board sets valuation each year, no millage limitation can have meaning without this power being curbed.

We believe every newspaper in the state should publish the proposed amendment in full so voters may decide for themselves whether they want to

support it basing their judgment on the present high-powered propaganda.

Sincerely,
VINCENT RICHMOND
Marcellus

Proposed Constitutional Amendment — Article 1K, Section 6.

Sec. 6. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, from and after Jan. 1, 1973, the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed on real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year shall not exceed 26 mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized.

Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, from and after Jan. 1, 1973, the levy of general ad valorem taxes for general elementary and secondary public school operation purposes, as defined by law, shall be prohibited, except that under procedures provided by law any school district may impose in any one year not to exceed 6 mills for elementary and secondary public district program enrichment purposes, as defined and equalized by law, if approved by a vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the school district voting thereon.

Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, from and after Jan. 1, 1973, the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed in any one year for all purposes by any county shall not exceed 8 mills, by any township shall not exceed 1 1/2 mills and by any taxing unit for intermediate school district, vocational education, special education and compensatory education purposes, as defined by law, shall not exceed 4 1/2 mills. Within the 26 mill limitation, any county or any township therein, under procedures provided by law which shall include provisions for the allocation thereof, may impose

in any one year not to exceed an additional 6 mills, in the aggregate, if approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors of such county or township voting thereon.

The foregoing limitations shall not apply to taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other evidences of indebtedness or for the payment of assessments or contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued, which taxes may be imposed without limitation as to rate or amount; or to taxes imposed for any other purpose by any city, village, charter county, charter township, charter authority, community college district, or other authority, the tax limitations of which are provided by charter or by general law.

Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution, the legislature may levy for public education operating purposes a uniform statewide general ad valorem tax on real and tangible personal property not now exempt at a rate not to exceed 26 mills on the proportion of the true cash value thereof provided by law pursuant of Article IX, Section 3 of this constitution, provided that property used for residential purposes and property used for agricultural purposes, as defined by law, and property included under Article IX, Section 4 shall be exempt.

The legislature shall establish a program of general state taxation and a method of distributing funds for the support of elementary and secondary public school districts to assure equal and quality educational opportunity for all students. Notwithstanding any limitation as to rate or amount that may be imposed to this constitution with respect to an income tax, such limitation may be exceeded, as provided by law, to provide funds for the support of public education.

Bruce Blossat

Irrepressible HH
Blazes '72 Trail



BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (NEA) — The mind boggles. Sen. Hubert Humphrey, the irrepressible, in a bus again. In another campaign? No, it's not a trick of the memory, a flashback to West Virginia in 1960. It is 1971, and it's all true.

Sixty years old now but still calling up resources of unflagging energy, Hubert spends a day probably much like a thousand others he has put in on the presidential trail in the last dozen years — talking to farmers, visiting a nursing home, chattering away under hot press conference lights in an airport, grinding through a long hearing on rural development, meeting with prize-package Gov. John Gilligan, Democrat.

Technically, he's not yet a candidate for the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination, but that little formality will be soon taken care of.

"I expect to go," he says later in an airplane interview.

What he means by "go" you have to see to believe. He is a genuinely good-hearted man, but the only way I can characterize his road-show performance is to say that he is the absolute master of sincere hokum.

On a day of raw rain, here we go into the Wood County Nursing Home to see the elderly, sometimes retarded, folks who are sitting out their last years.

"I gotta say hello to this old gentleman here, says Humphrey as he comes upon a thinning man of 96 resting in a wheelchair. He roams through corridors, workshops, hospital-like rooms, bubbling his effusive greetings to the old people, the staff aides, the waitresses.

"Sing those Christmas carols good today.... I'll just hold your hand.... (to a man painting pottery) I wouldn't be good at this. I can't hardly paint the side of a barn.... (to women working with fabric) my wife is an expert needlepointer — she just needlepoints up a storm.... I'm so pleased to see this nice facility.... you have a marvelous kitchen. Good facilities mean so much.... (to a fellow who has seen him on the tube) that television gets us all acquainted, doesn't it?"

The good-will spigot is never turned off. Wherever he is, even if only for moments, Humphrey works the human scene.

Jeffrey Hart

Is U.S. Going To
Dump Taiwan?



BY JEFFREY HART

When President Nixon first announced his plan to visit Peking, he said that the new relationship with China thus foreshadowed would not be at the expense of "old friends." Administration spokesmen subsequently reiterated that position.

The indications now are, however, that — to phrase the point as diplomatically as possible — neither the President nor his spokesmen were offering a correct description of Administration intentions.

First of all, of course, there was the U.N. fiasco.

Second, as I am reliably informed, Gov. Ronald Reagan of California agreed to endorse Nixon's Peking visit only on condition that the President stop off at Taipei on his way to or from Peking. It now develops that this apparently is not going to happen.

And finally there is that carefully worded statement by Henry Kissinger at his press conference. The importance of that press conference, by the way, was underlined by the fact that it was given by Kissinger, who has been handling the Peking arrangements, and by the fact that this was the first time that Kissinger himself had surfaced as a public spokesman for Administration policy. His precise statement, therefore, deserves the closest scrutiny.

"Our position is that the ultimate disposition, the ultimate relationship of Taiwan to the People's Republic of China, should be settled by direct negotiations between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China."

That mainland China,

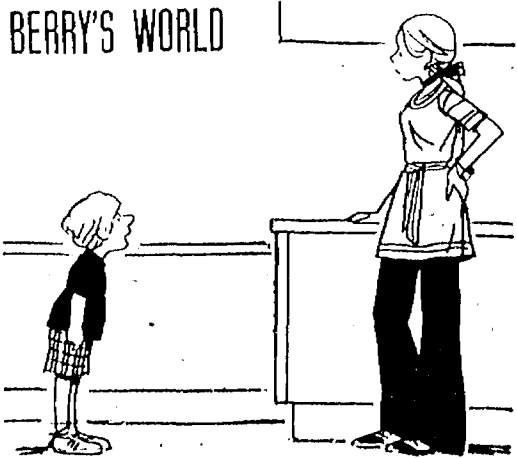
formerly "Communist China," is now the People's Republic of China has much more than tonal significance — as many commentators indeed pointed out. Much more important, however, is the deliberate lack of parallelism between the terms "People's Republic of China" and "Taiwan." The former is the name of a nation, a sovereign political entity. But "Taiwan" is merely the name of a geographical entity. Until recently that entity was officially referred to in U.S. documents and statements as the "Republic of China," a U.S. ally. And you will further note that in Kissinger's statement the juxtaposition of the two terms occurred not once but twice.

The meaning was not lost on diplomatic circles in Washington, nor could it have been lost on Peking. In advance of Nixon's visit, the Administration was signaling that it no longer considers the Taipei regime to be the government of a sovereign entity. It regards the erstwhile Republic of China as a non-nation.

It can be inferred, I think, that Peking agreed not to attempt to conquer Taiwan by force, at least for the present, and indicated its willingness to wait for the death of Chiang and the foreseeable emergency of pro-Peking political forces on the island.

ACTOR RELEASED
HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Veteran film actor Bruce Cabot has been released from the Loma Linda University Medical Center after responding to radiation treatment for lung and throat cancer.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Mom, when I grow up, can I be a mola chauvinist?"

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BH Has Shopping Center Potential

Downtown Design Study Tells Of Possible Development

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

The downtown Benton Harbor area has a relatively strong development potential capable of supporting a moderate-sized shopping center, according to a marketability analysis.

The economic report was prepared for the City of Benton Harbor by Larry Smith & Company, Inc., Washington, D.C. It is part of a \$15,000 package that also includes a downtown design study by

Harland Bartholomew & Associates, St. Louis, Mo.

By "moderate sized" shopping center, the Smith report means 350,000 to 400,000 square feet. (Fairplain Plaza currently has 315,000 square feet in existing buildings or in construction.)

The Smith survey notes present department stores in the area are relatively small and "existing shopping centers are vulnerable to competition from a well-designed center."

However, downtown needs to

generate more traffic, and if a shopping center is not landed in the downtown-Riverview area, it will end up in the suburbs.

The city has marked 33 acres of urban renewal land for development as a shopping center on the site of the old fruit market. A contract with four developers was not executed on time and the city commission terminated the agreement last month.

The Smith analysis recommends:

1. Every effort should be made to expedite development of new highway facilities to improve access into the downtown, especially from the south and southeast.

2. A promotion and disposition program for the available project (urban renewal) land should be followed to provide a competitive position relative to suburban development.

3. An experienced developer should be obtained for the department store and related facilities in the project area.

Downtown in the Smith report is defined as the area bounded by the C&O tracks on the north, Second street on the east, the St. Joseph river on the west, and the bluff area on the south.

The Smith report notes that the official population of Benton Harbor city declined 14 per cent in the last 10 years and forecasts that it won't increase in the next 15.

Opportunities for development in the city are based in part on projected population growth in service areas — the primary zone covering a radius of 15 miles from Benton Harbor and secondary zone extending 25-35 miles. In the service area an annual increase of 1.5 per cent is expected for a total of 219,000 in 1985.

The report says its conclusions are based on several assumptions.

1. Population will grow at least at the estimated rates.

2. There will not be a serious economic decline through 1985.

3. No major competing facilities about which information is not currently available will be developed in or near the site area until the proposed development is in operation.

4. A cess to the site will be maintained and probably improved.

The report cautions that if these assumptions vary radically, it will tilt the conclusions.

The development analysis also takes up potential for rentable office space, industrial land use and motor hotel rooms in Benton Harbor.

It estimates there will be a demand for 780 acres of industrial land by 1985 in the service area and computes the city's share at 80 acres.

The report states there are about 95,000 square feet of office space currently in the downtown area and projects a potential for 104,200 square feet of additional space by 1985. There is at least one apparent error in the calculations: the six-story Fidelity building is listed as having a total area of only 3,000 square feet.

The city contributed \$3,000 toward the cost of the two surveys. The remaining \$12,000 was raised among various business and professional persons.

Young Lawyer Joins Berrien Courthouse Staff

A new fulltime assistant prosecutor joins the Berrien prosecutor's office Monday.

He's Edward L. Skinner, 30, of Gross Pointe Park near Detroit, a 1971 cum laude graduate of Wayne State university Law school with prior experience in personnel, employment management and the corporate field.

Prosecutor Ronald T. Taylor said Skinner will fill a \$12,800-a-year post as newly authorized half-time prosecutor in the child support division, and half-time in the criminal division.

Skinner won a bachelor degree with distinction in business administration from Indiana university in 1965, went on to WSU for his juris doctor degree and there was on the dean's list and received an American Jurisprudence award for scholarship.

Hit-Run Suspect Arrested

Benton Harbor state police said that a man who left the scene of an automobile accident in which another driver was injured early today was arrested on two charges.

Under arrest on charges of being drunk and disorderly and leaving the scene of a personal injury accident was Odell Morgan, 31, of Townline road, Benton township. Morgan was not reported injured.

State police said that a car was eastbound on Napier avenue near the I-94 overpass when it crossed the centerline and hit a car driven by Edward Kunst, 65, of 1753 East Ogden avenue, Benton township. The hit-run car then went about one-quarter mile from the scene, where the driver abandoned it.

Benton township and Berrien county sheriff's police joined state police in the search for the driver. Patrolman Rick Davis from Benton township found Morgan a short time later walking on Meadowbrook road, Benton township, and placed him under arrest.

Police said Kunst was taken to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital with undetermined injuries and was treated and released.

FILES FOR PRIMARY
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A committee backing Eugene J. McCarthy for president has filed papers with the California secretary of state so it can enter a Democratic delegation in the state's June primary.



EDWARD L. SKINNER

Earlier, Skinner was a staff employment manager for National Bank of Detroit, a personnel department employee for Huron Cement Co. in Southfield and previously was in Chrysler Corp. management. He's married and has three children.

Taylor also announced another assistant will join his office Jan. 17. He's Jack M. Struwin, head of the child support division of the Calhoun county prosecutor's office. Struwin will take the

reins of the child support division post in Berrien now held by Ronald Moses. Moses, in turn, will join the criminal division to replace Donald Bleich, who recently entered private practice.

Berrien Judge Downs Pollard's Verdict

A Berrien circuit judge this week reversed a Berrien Fifth district judge's ruling and ordered a 30-year-old Oshkosh man bound over to circuit court to face an uttering and publishing charge.

Judge Philip Mitchell granted a motion by Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor to overrule a Nov. 23 decision by District Judge Paul Pollard refusing to bind over Fred L. Stanfill.

Presently jailed in Berrien

county, Stanfill is accused of uttering and publishing a forged \$80 check July 29, 1970, in Watervliet.

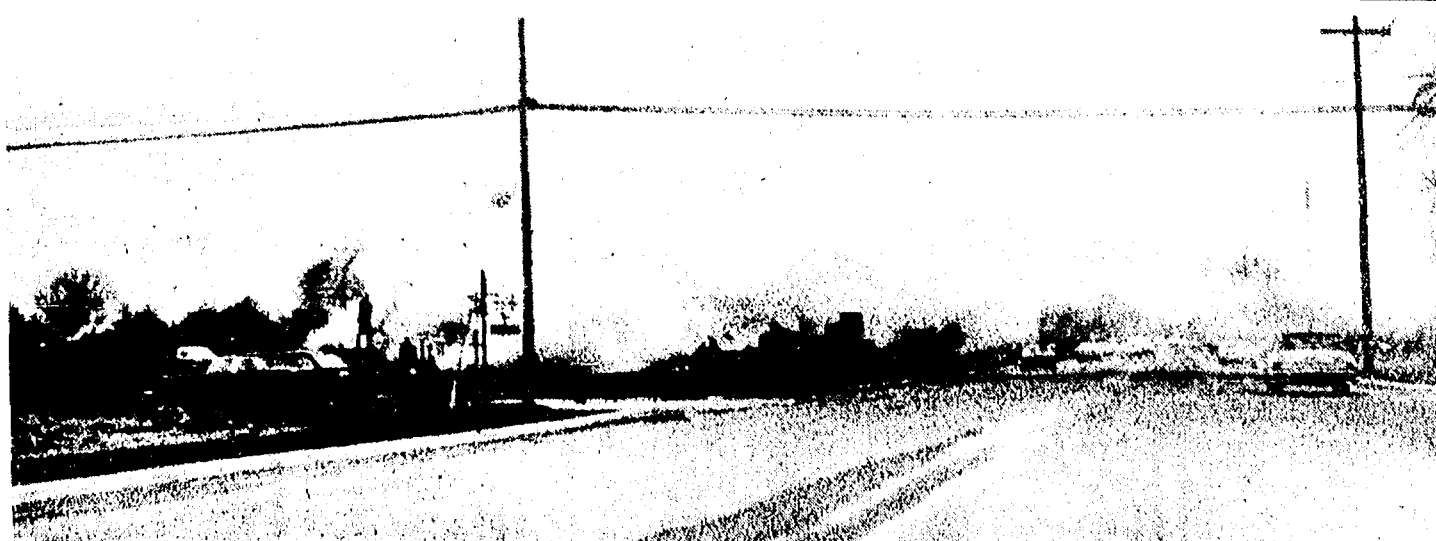
Judge Pollard found there was not sufficient showing of probable cause that Stanfill committed the crime charged. Judge Mitchell found that Stanfill's preliminary examination adequately showed probable cause to believe a crime had been committed and that there was sufficient evidence to hold Stanfill for trial.

STEVENSVILLE

Key Clubbers Will Pick Up Yule Trees

STEVENSVILLE — Free Christmas tree pickup service will be provided residents in the Stevensville-Baroda area Sunday afternoon.

Members of Lakeshore high school Key club will begin picking up trees at noon, continuing until dusk. Key clubber David Boelke said residents need only to place discarded trees in front of their houses near the road.



SMOKE OVER NAPIER: There's no market for unsold Christmas trees after Christmas, so they went up in flames Wednesday at lot at Napier avenue and Union street in Fairplain. Fire cast pall of

smoke over heavily traveled Napier. Benton township firemen said burning permit was issued for lot. (Staff photo)



'GOOD AND BAD NEWS': It's good for Rodney Butts (right) as he's promoted from clerk to shift foreman at Benton Harbor post office. It's not so pleasant for taxpayers as Butts and Postmaster William Miller stand before 18,300 income tax

forms that Uncle Sam is distributing for convenience of citizens. Butts, a nine-year veteran in the postal service, won promotion by past record and examination. (Staff photo)

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TWIN CITIES POLICE ROUNDUP

Break-Ins Reported In 4 Watervliet Twp. Cottages

Break-ins of four neighboring summer cottages in Watervliet township were among several burglaries and thefts investigated yesterday by Twin Cities area police.

Berrien county sheriff's police reported that cottages at 776, 778, 780, and 782 Lake street, Paw Paw Lake, Watervliet township, had been entered. Owners of the cottages were reported to reside in Chicago and police said it was not known if anything was missing.

Sheriff's officers said they investigated the larceny of a record player, pair of binoculars, and eye glass from the home of Dale Cosper, 6050 Grand Mere, Lincoln township.

Charles Chronister, 5808 Red Arrow highway, Stevensville, told sheriff's officers that an onyx chess set, \$6 in coins and three opal rings were missing from that address following a break-in. Sheriff's officers also investigated the theft of a tape deck and eight tapes from a car parked in the driveway of

Richard Spaulding, route 1, Box 419A, Berrien Springs.

Benton Harbor police reported investigating three thefts Wednesday. Police said they learned from Ann Rautech, Box 391, Coloma, that toys, a pair of binoculars, and three books were stolen from her car parked in front of 263 Morton avenue, Benton Harbor.

City police said a record player and six records missing from the apartment of Ruth Breuling, 592 Edwards avenue, Mary Johnson, 265 Park, Coloma, reported a tape player and 33 tapes stolen from her car parked in front of 644 Superior street, Benton Harbor.

Benton township police said Regina McBride, 1008 Buss avenue, Benton Harbor, reported a battery stolen from her car parked in the 900 block of East Main street, Benton township.

St. Joseph police reported Wednesday they investigated the theft of two tires from the garage of Clara Kasmer, 2706 Lake View avenue, St. Joseph.

Rent Holdback Urged

WASHINGTON (AP) — A member of the Rent Advisory Board who also heads a nationwide tenants organization has urged renters to hold up rent increase due Jan. 1 because, she says, new Price Commission rules may invalidate rent hikes.



FATHER JOHN J. LEHMAN

Lehman Kin Gets Degree

Father John Joseph Lehman, brother of Lake Michigan College President James L. Lehman, received a Doctor of Education degree this month from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, La.

Father Lehman, a native of Sault Ste. Marie, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ada F. Lehman of New Orleans and holds degrees or certifications from University of Detroit, School of St. Philip Neri and Boston college, Catholic university, and Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit.

He served as an Air Force chaplain for 10 years and last year received a specialist in education degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

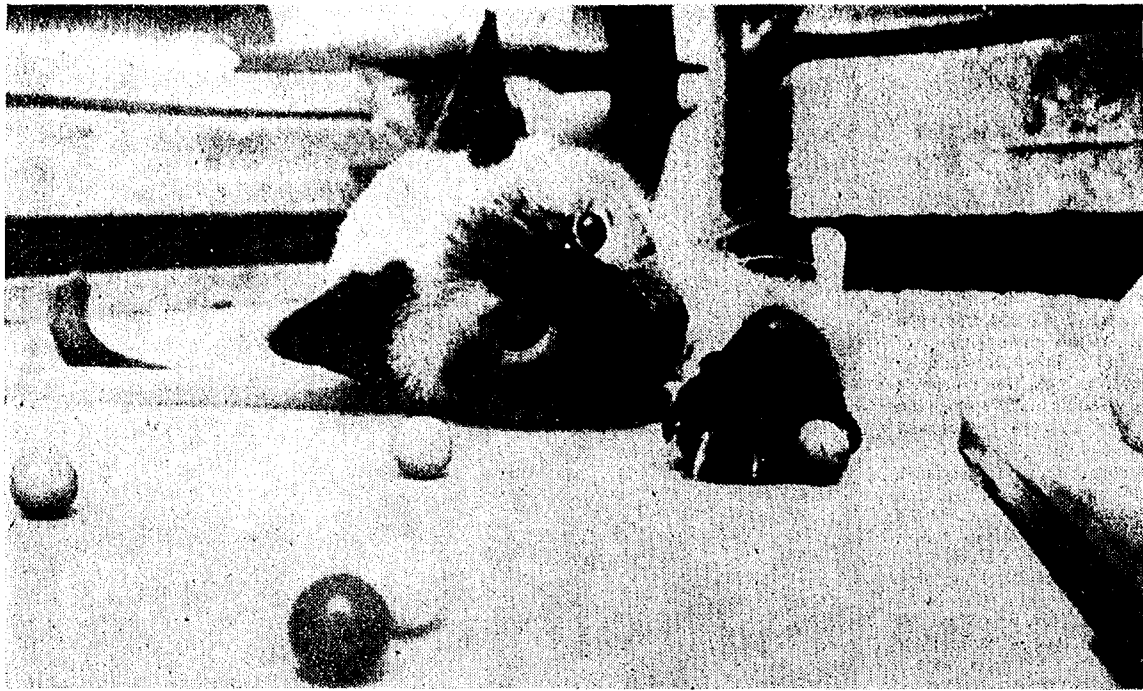
Teen Drivers Plus Legal Booze: A Holiday Threat

DETROIT (AP) — Half a million 18-to 20-year-old drivers will be able to buy alcoholic beverages legally after midnight Friday, compounding the normal New Year's holiday driving, the Automobile Club of Michigan warned Wednesday.

Because of the young drinking drivers, the club has characterized the period from midnight Friday to 5 a.m. Saturday as "potentially the most dangerous five hours on Michigan's highways in history."

Studies by the club showed traffic accidents and deaths involving drivers under 21 years old already are twice as high as they should be for that age group, said General Manager Fred Rehm. "Add alcohol, and the chances of a young driver having an accident again double."

Past experiences showed that eight of every 10 motorists will drink and drive this weekend including 400,000 18 to 20 year olds legally allowed to drink for the first time New Year's Day.



LINING UP HIS SHOT: Skeeter is spending a lot of time around the pool table these days. The seven-month-old Siamese has been practicing since Santa Claus dropped off a toy pool table at the home of his young friend, Mattie Siel, at Bay City. At first, the kitten was content to watch Mattie trying to sink a few shots, but pretty soon his cat's curiosity got the best of

him and he was atop the table. Skeeter doesn't always play by the rules. He uses his paws to nudge the ball into the hole, takes three or four shots in succession and keeps on pushing until he runs the table. He stretches out on the table on command and plays push shots as well as any four-legged animal could do. (AP Wirephoto)



RUNNING THE TABLE: Matt Siel, 4, waits his turn while Skeeter, a Siamese, makes his shot. Matt, who wanted to play pool but could not reach the table, got a small table for Christmas. Suddenly the house cat became a "pool cat". Matt complains that Skeeter will shoot four or five times in succession and nurse the ball into the hole. Photos were taken by Wes Stafford, a former member of this newspaper's staff.

Three Men Held For Burglary

Officer Uses
Ruse In Arrest

Using a stalled car and cold weather as an excuse, a Berrien county sheriff's detective gained access to a Niles home Wednesday where police believed loot was being stored. Three young men were later arrested on burglary charges.

Det. Gary Methling asked to be let into the home, at 415½ Clay street, saying he wanted to get warm. He took a look around while inside, left a few minutes later and then returned with a search warrant and more police officers.

Officers from the Niles police and sheriff's departments reported confiscating a record player, a 16 mm movie projector and a slide projector with a total value of \$750. Police said the items were taken from the Electric Light school near Niles early Wednesday.

Police said a tip from an unidentified source led them to the Niles home where the loot was allegedly stored. Jailed on breaking and entering charges were Byron Jay Sowers, 22, of 415½ Clay; Acklee King, 18, of 36 Cass street and Byron Gilbert, 20, of 2423 Yankee street, all of Niles.

High Risk Driver's Bill Signed Into Law

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Working to clear a year-end stack of bills from his desk, Gov. William Milliken signed into law Wednesday a half dozen bills dealing with high-risk drivers' insurance, two minor tax exemptions and 18-year-old notaries.

Effective immediately, vehicle owners with bad drivers in their families may avoid sharply increased vehicle insurance premiums by promising to limit use of the family car to only the good

drivers.

Under the law signed by Milliken, high-risk drivers could be excluded from coverage. The measure clears up a vague area of Michigan insurance law which courts held could not be cited as grounds for keeping a leadfooted youngster from behind the wheel of a parent's car.

Accident victims still would be able to claim benefits from the "uninsured motorist" fund, if struck by a driver excluded from coverage.

A companion law provides that family policies would not have to pay \$45 to the uninsured motorist's fund if one member is excluded.

Two other laws put on the books with Milliken's signature give nonprofit community organizations 4 per cent sales and use-tax exemptions on the purchase of emergency vehicles, such as ambulances or fire trucks.

The exemptions allow nonprofit groups to save the cost of state sales tax if the vehicles

are purchased in Michigan or the equivalent 4 per cent use tax if they make their purchase elsewhere.

Prison inmates also will be exempted from paying sales tax on personal items bought in penitentiary commissaries.

But college students will feel the effect of the bill because the legislature voted to close a loophole at the last minute.

University-owned book stores no longer will be able to omit adding 4 per cent to the price of textbooks.

Other bills signed by Milliken:

—Allow 18 year olds to be notaries public, authorized to certify proper handling of legal documents, such as affidavits, absentee ballots, birth certificates and the like. And on next April 1, the \$2 fee for a notary's license increases to \$3.

—Provide for issuing a different colored license to drivers under age 18, now that the age



IGNORER: Patricia Marie Daresh, route 4, Dowagiac, was graduated cum laude in Western Michigan university's fall commencement. She earned the honor by maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69 on a 4.0 scale.

of majority has been lowered from 21 years.

Harbert Youth Fined, Placed On Probation

An 18-year-old Harbert youth was sentenced to pay fine and costs totaling \$250 and was put on two year's probation in Fifth District Court Wednesday for accosting and soliciting a minor for immoral purposes.

Douglas Paul Jones, 18, of Box 35 Harbert, was arrested on the charge June 16. The incident involved a girl in Chikaming township.

In other District Court action:

Phillip Dale Clark, 22, of Westville, Ill., was sentenced to 15 days in jail for creating a disturbance in a public place. He was arrested Dec. 15 in St. Joseph for using loud

and boisterous language and attempting to escape from police officers. Clark, who is also AWOL was ordered to be returned to U.S. Army authorities following his sentence.

Cyril Miles, Jr., 18, of 912 Market street, St. Joseph, was sentenced to pay fine and costs of \$121 or a maximum of 30 days in jail for petty larceny — theft of \$15 from a woman in St. Joseph, Dec. 18.

Wilbert Wilkinson, of 818 East Main street, Benton Harbor, paid fine and costs of \$49 for assault and battery against a woman in Benton township last May 17.

Willie Louis Johnson, 27, 438 Washington street, Benton Harbor, was sentenced to pay fine and costs of \$120 or a maximum of 30 days in jail for petty larceny—theft of a coin changer from a cab driver.

John C. Sommers, 47, of 1645 Alex drive, Stevensville, paid fine and costs of \$150 and was put on six months probation for conspiracy to commit petty larceny. The incident involved the theft of various items from Harding's store in Baroda township, last July 30.

'Lost' Taxpayers Sought

COLOMA — Coloma township property owners who did not receive their annual "Christmas greeting" from Treasurer Robert Palmer should not blame him.

The greetings, in form of tax notices, were mailed but more than 100 of them were returned because of inaccurate and no forwarding address.

Palmer said he has been able to trace more than 40 property owners and forward their notices. However, he has not been able to locate 66 others.

Persons who have not received their tax notices should write him at route 1, Sunset drive, Coloma.

Postal authorities will not forward mail to persons who have moved more than two years ago, according to Palmer. He said the problem in tracing the "missing" property owners is they left no forwarding address at either the post office or county courthouse, where tax notice mailing plates are prepared.

"Failure to receive a tax notice in no way exempts a property owner from paying the tax," said Palmer. "The Feb. 15 deadline for payment without penalty still applies."

State Says Coloma Traffic Law Valid

COLOMA — A Coloma city ordinance prohibiting traffic from turning around in a private parking lot is valid, according to an informal ruling by the Michigan Attorney General's office.

The ruling was requested by the city after the validity of the ordinance was questioned in court last October.

The ordinance was passed to eliminate heavy traffic, reportedly of young drivers, driving into the lot, turning around, and returning to Paw Paw Avenue within the city.

Its validity was brought into question last October, when a driver charged with violating the rule was dismissed by District Court Judge Paul Pollard. The judge said the ordinance was invalid.

The attorney general's office saw no reason why the ordinance should not be valid, according to a letter from Mrs. Maxine Boord Virtue, assistant attorney general, to City Attorney John Crow. But Mrs. Virtue said that an official opinion would have to be requested through a state legislator.

She suggested that an appeal of the adverse court decision might be more effective.

A copy of the letter from the attorney general's office has

been forwarded to county prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor, and further action on the ordinance, through a state legislator, is expected next year.



ADDITION UNDERWAY: The roof is going up and the new vault is partially complete in the 32 by 50 foot addition under construction at the Chikaming office of the Bank of Three Oaks. The vault is the small square cement block structure just to the right of

the present building. Besides the vault, the new construction will house offices and additional teller space. The \$50,000 addition is being constructed by Peterson Building sales, Benton Harbor.

Teen Joins Army; Charges Dismissed

A charge of sale of LSD against a 17-year-old Hartford youth was dismissed on motion of Berrien Prosecutor Ronald Taylor Wednesday in Fifth District Court because the youth has been inducted into the Army.

Don Clark, of Beechwood Mobile Village, Hartford, and formerly of 465 South Fair avenue, Benton Harbor, was arrested on the charge last Oct. 1. He recently enlisted in the Army and is to report for duty shortly.

Judge John Hammond said he was not pleased with the prosecutor's motion but added there was little he can do about it.